

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

**Form 4. Motion and Affidavit for Permission to Proceed in Forma Pauperis**

*Instructions for this form: <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/forms/form04instructions.pdf>*

**9th Cir. Case Number(s)** unassigned

**Case Name** blount v contra costa et al

**Affidavit in support of motion:** I swear under penalty of perjury that I am financially unable to pay the docket and filing fees for my appeal. I believe my appeal has merit. I swear under penalty of perjury under United States laws that my answers on this form are true and correct. 28 U.S.C. § 1746; 18 U.S.C. § 1621.

**Signature**



**Date** 4/10/25

The court may grant a motion to proceed in forma pauperis if you show that you cannot pay the filing fees **and** you have a non-frivolous legal issue on appeal.

Please state your issues on appeal. (*attach additional pages if necessary*)

Appellant acknowledges that federal courts lack jurisdiction to review or reverse final state court judgments under the Rooker-Feldman doctrine. However, Appellant does not seek to overturn any custody or visitation determinations made by the Contra Costa County Family Court.

Instead, Appellant challenges systemic procedural violations that occurred within the state court proceedings, including the failure to issue necessary written orders, the refusal to accept contempt filings, and the continued enforcement of an expired restraining order. These actions, taken collectively, deprived Appellant of her fundamental rights to access the courts and to due process, in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

The claims presented are therefore independent constitutional challenges to the procedures employed by the state court system, and not de facto appeals of any specific judgment. Such claims are properly within the jurisdiction of the federal courts, as recognized by this Court in *Kougasian v. TMSL, Inc.*, 359 F.3d 1136 (9th Cir. 2004), and *Noel v. Hall*, 341 F.3d 1148 (9th Cir. 2003).

Accordingly, Rooker-Feldman does not apply, and the District Court's dismissal should be reversed.

1. For both you and your spouse, estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income Source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ 700	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Self-Employment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Interest and Dividends	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Gifts	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Alimony	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Child Support	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unemployment Payments	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Public-Assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other (specify) <input type="text"/>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME:</b>	\$ 700	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first.  
(Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross Monthly Pay
edelweiss lodge and resort	garmisch partenkirchen germany	From 11/24 To 4/24	\$ 1200
the hampton social	nashville tn	From 03/24 To 11/24	\$ 2000
paula le duc catering	san francisco ca	From 01/23 To 11/23	\$ 800
		From To	\$

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first.  
(Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross Monthly Pay
		From To	\$
		From To	\$
		From To	\$
		From To	\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 0

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial Institution	Type of Account	Amount You Have	Amount Your Spouse Has
bank of america	checking	\$ 0	\$ 0
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

*If you are a prisoner seeking to appeal a judgment in a civil action or proceeding, you must attach a statement certified by the appropriate institutional officer showing all receipts, expenditures, and balances during the last six months in your institutional accounts. If you have multiple accounts, perhaps because you have been in multiple institutions, attach one certified statement of each account.*

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishing.

Home	Value	Other Real Estate	Value
none	\$		\$

Motor Vehicle 1: Make & Year	Model	Registration #	Value
none			\$
Motor Vehicle 2: Make & Year	Model	Registration #	Value
			\$

Other Assets	Value
none	\$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
none	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. If a dependent is a minor, list only the initials and not the full name.

Name	Relationship	Age
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ 1500	\$
- Are real estate taxes included? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
- Is property insurance included? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 100	\$
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ 0	\$
Food	\$ 300	\$
Clothing	\$ 100	\$
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 100	\$
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 100	\$
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 75	\$
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ 50	\$
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
- Homeowner's or renter's	\$	\$
- Life	\$	\$
- Health	\$ 50	\$
- Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$
- Other	\$ 0	\$
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Specify	\$ 0	\$

	You	Spouse
Installment payments		
- Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$
- Credit Card (name) <input type="text"/>	\$ 0	\$
- Department Store (name) <input type="text"/>	\$ 100	\$
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$
Regular expenses for the operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	\$
Other (specify) <input type="text"/>	\$ 0	\$
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES</b>	\$	\$

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you spent—or will you be spending—any money for expenses or attorney fees in connection with this lawsuit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, how much? \$

11. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the docket fees for your appeal.

I am in a job transition right now and can not afford the fees. I need to complete the custody case related to this one and have been unable to do this out of the country. The related case and this one have caused a lot of financial harm and emotional stress in my life.

12. State the city and state of your legal residence.

City

State

Your daytime phone number (ex., 415-355-8000)

Your age

Your years of schooling